REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10 were pending in the instant application. Claims 1-3 have been deemed allowed by the Examiner. *No new matter has been added*.

SECOND REQUEST. Our records indicate that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on January 9, 2001. However, Applicants have not received a confirmation copy of the 1449 form, indicating acknowledgement of the cited references by the Examiner. <u>In this regard, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the references cited by the Applicants</u>. For your convenience, a copy of the 1449, as filed, as well as the acknowledgement postcard is enclosed herewith.

Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Rejection of Claims 1-7 and 10 under the Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,103,698, 6,015,790, 5,831,002, and 5,965,700

Claims 1-7 and 10 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,103,698, 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,015,790, 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 5,831,002, and 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 5,965,700. Applicants have addressed the obviousness-type double patenting rejections with respect to U.S. Patent Nos. 6,103,698, 5,831,002, and 5,965,700 by the submission of terminal disclaimers, and therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections with respect to these patents.

As may be evident by the Terminal Disclaimers, ownership of the referenced patents and the instant application has recently been transferred from BASF Aktiengesellschaft to Abbott GmbH & Co. KG by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 10, 2003, at Reel 013718, Frame 0861. However, U.S. Patent No. 6,015,790, is presently in the process of undergoing reassignment from BASF Aktiengesellschaft to Abbott GmbH & Co. KG. We have, therefore, today filed a Notice of Appeal and once we receive the executed assignment and upon recordation, we will file the remaining terminal disclaimer.

Examiner: Celsa, Bennett M.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of this application with all pending claims are respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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